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## CHOLERA.

The cholera situation throughout the world seems to be subsiding into the quiescent stage in which it usually remains during the first four or five months of the calendar year. The outbreaks which have been in progress in Japan, China, and southern Asiatic ports have for the most part disappeared. This does not include, however, those areas in southern Asia in which the disease is endemic and is present to a greater or less extent at all times. The disease has been present in various parts of Turkey in Asia and especially in Jidda and Meka. In Europe the outbreak which began in Constantinople during the early part of November continues. It has, however, not spread to any great extent so far as known. During the week ended January 6 there were reported in Constantinople 117 cases of cholera with 62 deaths and from the beginning of the outbreak to January 6 there had been officially reported a total of 2,459 cases with 1,208 deaths.

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## MEASLES AT PITTSBURGH.

From November 1, 1912, to January 8, 1913, there were notified in the city of Pittsburgh 3,225 cases of measles, with 51 deaths. During the week ended January 18, 355 cases were notified, with 4 deaths. This number of cases indicates that a considerable epidemic has been in progress in the city. Of interest is the fatality rate which, for the cases notified from November 1 to January 8, was 1.58 per cent, while the rate for the cases reported during the week ended January 18 was 1.13 per cent.

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## SMALLPOX.

At Evansville, Ind., 231 cases of smallpox, with 1 death, were reported from October 5, 1912, to January 25, 1913. In Zanesville, Ohio, 84 cases, with no deaths, were reported between November 23, 1912, and January 25, 1913. In Detroit, Mich., 74 cases of smallpox, with no deaths, were reported between October 25, 1912, and January